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Please add the following paragraph immediately after the title on page 1:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation in part and incorporates by reference in its entirety, U.S. Application No. 09/143,907, filed August 31, 1998 entitled "UNIVERSAL GAMING ENGINE", which was a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/959,575 filed October 28, 1997, which issued on August 7, 2001 as U.S. Patent 6,272,223, which was a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/358,242 filed December 19, 1994 which issued on January 13, 1998 as U.S. Patent 5,707,286. Each of the foregoing patents and applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

This application also is a continuation in part, and incorporates by reference, in its entirety, U.S. Application No. 09/698,507, filed October 26, 2000 entitled "CRYPTOGRAPHY AND CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES IN GAMING MACHINES" which is based on, and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No.: 60/161,591, filed October 26,1999, which is also incorporated by reference, in its entirety.

The present application incorporates by reference, in its entirety, U.S. Application No. 10/116,424 filed April 3, 2002 entitled "SECURED VIRTUAL NETWORK IN A GAMING ENVIRONMENT" which is a continuation in part of application No. 09/732,650 filed on December 7, 2000, which is also incorporated by reference, in its entirety.